

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A sprayer for use with a supply line, the sprayer comprising:

having a handle including an inlet end and an outlet end; ~~at an inlet end of the handle are arranged~~

connection means arranged at the inlet end of the handle for a the supply line;

~~and at an outlet end of the handle are arranged~~ a sprayer head and a shut-off valve, arranged at the outlet end of the handle, which can be actuated by ~~means of a~~ hand lever counter to a force of a restoring spring, having including a flow channel which runs through the handle from the connection means to the shut-off ~~valve, valve;~~

~~and having means, which are~~ arranged between the connection means and the shut-off valve, ~~and are intended~~ for damping pressure ~~surges, surges; and~~

a cylinder element wherein arranged in ~~the an~~ interior of the flow channel, ~~is a cylinder element,~~ which is closed at an end which is directed toward the connection means and is open ~~in at~~ an end region which is directed toward the shut-off valve, and in which a gas volume for damping the pressure surges is located.

2. (Currently Amended) The sprayer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sprayer is a water sprayer, and wherein a double-acting piston is guided in a freely moveable manner in the cylinder element and, at one end, has ~~the a~~ pressure of the water acting on it and at the other end, limits the gas volume.

3. (Original) The sprayer as claimed in claim 1, wherein a gas-filled balloon or bellows is arranged in the cylinder element.

4. (Original) The sprayer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection means are formed on a connection nipple, on which the cylinder element is fastened.

5. (Original) The sprayer as claimed in claim 2, wherein the connection means are formed on a connection nipple, on which the cylinder element is fastened.

6. (Original) The sprayer as claimed in claim 3, wherein the connection means are formed on a connection nipple, on which the cylinder element is fastened.

7. (Original) The sprayer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the restoring spring is supported at one end on the cylinder element and, at the other end, on a slide, on which a closure element of the shut-off valve is arranged and on which the hand lever acts.

8. (Original) The sprayer as claimed in claim 7, wherein the slide is of cup-like design, a valve-seat element which is arranged in a fixed manner in relation to the handle projects into the slide, the valve-seat element interacts with the closure element arranged in the interior of the slide, and the slide has apertures which communicate with the flow channel.

9. (Original) The sprayer as claimed in claim 8, wherein the slide is mounted in the sprayer head.

10. (Original) The sprayer as claimed in claim 1, wherein arranged between the handle and cylinder element is a connecting sleeve, which bounds the flow channel and on which the connection means and the sprayer head are fastened.